of the language used that the basis should be communal representation cannot be accepted. If this will satisfy the Hon'ble Member, Government accept the resolution.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—As observed by the President, the principles of communal representation according to the Government Proceedings issued in July last cannot be strictly applied in respect of appointments above Rs. 100. Recruitment to the higher grade is made solely on the principle of efficiency, irrespective of communal considerations. But subject to the test of efficiency being maintained unimpaired, Government will try to redress any grave inequalities in communal representation in the higher ranks of the service. I wish to state in this connection that our rules are more liberal than the rules elsewhere.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas South*).—Our reforms are more favourable and different.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—That is what I want to bring to the notice of the House.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—I wish to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

12. Minimum qualification for appointment in the Public Services.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—"*This Council recommends to Government that the following may be added to foot-note (2) to Standing Order 1 of the Government:—*

'*Provided that students who are declared eligible for the University Course with 40 per cent of marks in English, are also eligible for the Public Service, if they pass at least one part of the Intermediate Examination of any year*'".

Sir, before formally moving my resolution, I would request the Hon'ble the President to allow me to make a small change in the resolution, viz., that the words "with 40 per cent of marks in English" may be deleted.

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Sir, under Standing Order No. 1, the minimum qualification for certain appointments is prescribed, that is, the School Final. But, unfortunately, many

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of our young people do not get full pass and they get only eligibility for University course. They fail in one subject and in some cases two subjects. To help such students, the definition of a 'Passed School Final candidate' is made a little wide by two explanations already existing in Standing Order No. 1. The first explanation is to this effect. If a candidate is eligible for University course with 40 per cent marks in English that candidate is eligible for public service. Then there is another explanation. If a candidate fails in one subject in the School Final and if he compensates that, by passing that subject in the Intermediate Examination that candidate also should be deemed to have passed the School Final. As a natural consequence of these two explanations I make this suggestion now before the House. My modification will not affect a large number of people, perhaps a dozen, that is all what I think. If you can allow students who are eligible for University course eligible also for public service, then why can't you allow those who have spent in the University two years, attended so many lectures and learned so much—why such candidates are not eligible for public service? I think, this is unjust.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—I second it.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The major portion of the recommendation contained in this resolution has already been approved by a note to the Standing Order, that is to say, if a candidate is declared eligible for University course — under the present rules, the person is to get 40 per cent in English, otherwise he would not be declared for University course — and supplements in his Intermediate Arts course by passing in that subject in which he may have failed to secure the minimum in the School Final, he is allowed to be recruited to the public service.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Suppose a candidate fails in Elementary Mathematics how can he complete in the Intermediate?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—In such cases, there is no difficulty. There was a specific case like this where a person who took up Malayalam as one of his second languages and failed and he went up to the University course. There also he did not take up optional Malayalam, he took compulsory Malayalam, and passed. He knew he was deficient in Optional Malayalam. And I think this is to refute the rules issued. He really evaded the issue.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—Why do you compel him to take it?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Why should any appointing authority be compelled to accept them?

With regard to the latest amendment to the Standing Orders, any candidate who is eligible for the University course is also eligible for Public Service.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—That is only from 1936.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—So you want to give retrospective effect?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Not in all cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancherri)*.—Is the existing rule to the effect that those who are declared eligible for University course are eligible for public service?

Mr. P. J. Alexandar *(Palluruthi)*.—There was a time when the Travancore Government regarded our candidates declared eligible for University course as superior to the students declared eligible for public service. Our eligibility for public service was ignored by them.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—The demand as made by Standing Order No. 1 was much higher than that the University wanted.

Mr. P. J. Alexander *(Palluruthi)*.— The Travancore Government assign more value to our second grade pass, viz., Eligibility for University course.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—This is sufficient for eligibility for public service. There is an amendment to Standing Order No. 1.

Mr. President.—Our Standing Order goes beyond that.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*—There is the case of the man who failed in Elementary Mathematics.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*—That is all past case.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*—Retrospective effect should be given.

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Mr. President.—With regard to present rules, we have gone far beyond.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—If there are a large number of vexatious cases coming under this category, I can understand. Here there is only one case.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*).—In view of the orders making eligibility for University course sufficient for public service, there is no harm in accepting.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The percentage for a pass in English was 35 for eligibility for the University course. For eligibility for public service it was 40 per cent. That is why eligibility for University course was not considered for public service. The University has now raised the minimum to 40% in English. There is therefore no difficulty. Eligibility for University course is now eligibility for public Service.

Mr. President.—If the Hon'ble Member wants to move the resolution in the original form, Government will accept it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— Then I shall prefer the original resolution.

Mr. President.—The resolution is accepted.

Resolution was accepted by Government.

13. Speedy execution of approved irrigation schemes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—*"This Council recommends to the Government to take up and execute without any further delay all irrigation schemes whose preliminary investigations have been completed".*

* Sir, the importance of irrigation for the development of the resources in an agricultural country like ours is well known and I don't think that a speech on the point is necessary. The question of irrigation loomed very large particularly at one time, some five or six years back. In the early years of this Council, one of the most important questions that was discussed here was Irrigation. In those days we could hear only of irrigation, more irrigation and so on, and we were asking for more allotments the irrigation works. The Government were satisfied then with our demands. I remember days when they

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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